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Group Art Unit: 2137

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.3-796

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: :  
: Kiyokazu Ikeda :  
: Application No.: 10/088,148 : Group Art Unit: 2137  
: Filed: June 24, 2002 : Examiner: T. Teslovich  
: For: SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM FOR :  
: ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES HAVING :  
: UNIQUE DEVICE IDS (AS AMENDED) :

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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